

## Geyser Puzzle Getting Worse

### 50 Families Evacuated

WILLIAMSBURG, Mich. (AP) — Natural gas eruptions have forced some 50 families to evacuate their homes near Williamsburg, and officials are not sure what is causing the bubbling craters.

Grand Traverse County authorities said geyser activity increased Thursday, with a new geyser erupting one mile from the original one which appeared the previous day.

Numerous potholes and geyser have erupted near the northwestern Lower Michigan community, honeycombing an area about four miles in circumference, officials said.

Families began evacuating before sunrise Thursday, and as gas accumulations spread more were forced to leave.

State Police and sheriff's deputies cordoned off the area because of accumulating gas. Power was shut off and smoking banned for fear of explosions from sparks.

One large crater—20 feet across and two to three feet deep—cut across Michigan 72, forcing State Police to close a 15-mile stretch of the highway from Kalkaska to the nearby village of Acme early Thursday.

Later, another geyser erupted on the other side of the highway from the crater.

Sheriff's deputies reported a geyser erupted five feet from the White Water Township Hall Thursday afternoon, and the

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EXCITEMENT UP NORTH: Firemen in photo at left investigate geysers of natural gas and water that have mysteriously sprung

up in the little northern Michigan town of Williamsburg. Many families have been forced to evacuate their homes because of

the danger of fires and explosions. In photo at right, State Police Sgt. William Ogden stands beside a bubbling crater along High-

way M-72 near Williamsburg. State officials are trying to determine the cause of the geysers. (AP Wirephoto)

## Mitchell Appears Before Jury

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former U.S. Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell appeared today at U.S. District Court, where he had been summoned to testify

before a grand jury investigating the Watergate case.

He reportedly has told friends recently that other officials of

the President's re-election

campaign planned the Watergate wiretapping over his veto.

Mitchell testified previously in a civil case that he didn't order the Watergate raid and that "I can't imagine a less productive activity." He testified at that time, last Sept. 1, that he learned that other campaign employees had been arrested inside Democratic offices only by reading about the incident in the newspapers.

Mitchell, former campaign deputy Jeb S. Magruder and presidential counsel John W. Dean III now are engaged in a

three-cornered argument,

carried out through public statements and news leaks, over which of them is responsible for the crime.

Sources close to the Senate Watergate investigation have told The Associated Press that the Justice Department expects to see all three of them indicted, along with others.

Magruder, who was Mitchell's second-in-command at the Nixon campaign, reportedly has told federal prosecutors that Mitchell and Dean helped plan the Watergate bugging and later arranged payoffs to buy silence from men con-

victed of the crime. Magruder has been unavailable to newsmen, but his lawyer says he intends to testify voluntarily when called before the grand jury.

For his part, Mitchell told newsmen Thursday that the Magruder report is "nonsense."

Today the New York Times said Mitchell had told friends he was present at three meetings last year when Magruder and G. Gordon Liddy, later convicted in the conspiracy, proposed plans to bug the opposition party headquarters. But the Times quoted sources as saying Mitchell insisted he rejected the

plans at all three meetings. Dean was present at one or more of the meetings, Mitchell reportedly said.

An associate told the AP today

that Mitchell has said privately if he had known of the Watergate plans "he would have tried

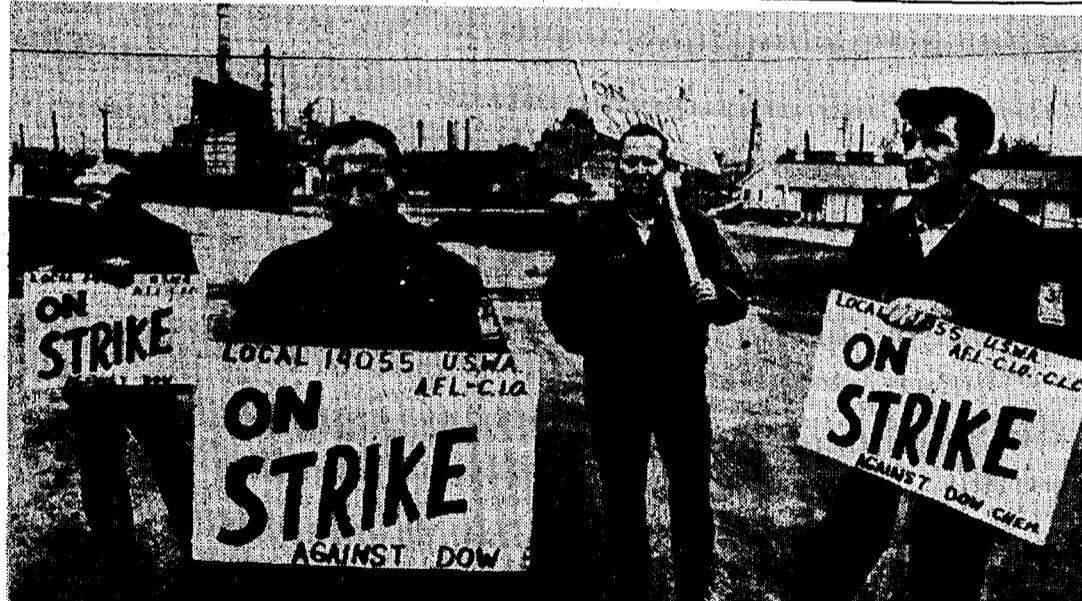
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**MAYOR ON PICKET LINE:** Bay City Mayor Michael Campbell (second from left) joined United Steelworker demonstrators in picketing the Dow Chemical Co. plant Thursday at Bay City. Campbell, an alternate committeeman for United Auto Workers Local 362, said the UAW is about to launch a drive to help the steelworkers of Local 14055 in their 15-month-old strike against Dow. He accused Dow of trying to break the strike by claiming to

have received a petition last Friday signed by "a majority of the workers" calling for the dismissal of the union as bargaining agent. Dow said it considered the strike ended Friday when it claims to have received the alleged petition. Campbell called on Dow to release publicly the names of the petitioners. The mayor and six of the nine city commissioners voted approval to back the strikers. (AP Wirephoto)

## Local Hearings Scheduled On Change In Time Zone

The Secretary of Transportation's office has scheduled hearings for May 14-16 in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties to determine if residents want to be transferred to the Central time zone.

Berrien county Commissioner Carl Gnodtke announced this morning that he had been notified of the dates which will allow a hearing in each county. The first hearing will be in Berrien county the evening of May 14 at the Youth Memorial building, he said.

Gnodtke said he will seek Berrien commission support to work through the county prosecutor's office on obtaining a federal court order staying daylight savings time, which takes effect April 29, until after the hearings.

The chairmen of the Cass and Van Buren county boards have indicated they are willing to go along, Gnodtke said. He said he would ask Berrien commissioners at committee meetings next Tuesday to sign a request for the prosecutor to begin proceedings in federal court.

The Berrien county commissioners voted unanimously on Feb. 20 to request transfer to the Central time zone and forwarded a petition indicating their desire to the Secretary of Transportation's office in Washington, D.C.

The hearings will determine whether people want Central or Eastern time, Gnodtke said. He said he hopes to have written letters from residents voicing their opinions to file with the transportation office at the hearing.

## Fifth Amendment Is Claimed By Murder Suspect

BY BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

A Detroit accused of murdering a state trooper in the wake of an Oct. 12 Niles bank robbery took the Fifth amendment when quizzed Thursday about directions to robbery loot he allegedly tried to smuggle out of jail.

Fifth amendment protection was claimed by Kenneth Eugene Oliver, 34, during questioning by Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor in a Berrien circuit court hearing on defense motions for change of venue, to suppress statements and evidence, and others.

Oliver took the witness stand Thursday for testimony only on a defense motion to suppress two letters taken from him by a deputy at the county jail in St. Joseph in January. He repeatedly took the Fifth amendment when quizzed by Taylor on the contents of the letters and what Oliver intended to do with them.

Taylor's line of questioning alleged Oliver attempted to smuggle out two letters, one to his girlfriend and another inside to his father, directing his father to money from the bank robbery to aid Oliver in "getting away from here."

Police on Jan. 8 recovered a sack of money containing nearly \$38,723 believed stolen from the bank and a .38-caliber revolver in Bertrand township but declined to say how they were led to it.

Judge Julian Hughes ruled Thursday that Defense Atty.

John Dewane of Benton Harbor may hire a psychiatrist to examine Oliver and aid the defense, but took under advisement Dewane's other motions.

Rulings on them are not expected until after May 9. But the judge announced he intends to start trial June 1 or shortly thereafter and has tentatively arranged an out-area trial site if he grants the motion for change of venue.

Oliver is accused of first-degree murder of Trooper Steven DeVries in the wake of a \$38,700 robbery at First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan in Niles Oct. 12.

Oliver testified Thursday that

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EUGENE W. MORGAN

## Eugene Morgan Of LMC Is Dead

BY JIM DELAND  
Sports Editor

Eugene W. Morgan, the man who brought Berrien county its brightest moments in college basketball, died at 9:15 a.m. Thursday in St. Joseph Memorial hospital following an illness of two-and-a-half months.

He was 63.

Mr. Morgan served as head basketball coach at Lake Michigan College and the former Benton Harbor Community College from 1947 to 1966. In that time his well-drilled teams compiled a 273-163 record, won five state junior college championships and three times participated in the national tournament, finishing fifth in the nation in 1951 and fourth in 1954.

He resigned as coach in 1966 but continued as a biology instructor until 1971, when he retired from teaching.

Among his players were countless ones who have gone on to successful careers in coaching or teaching of their own, including Benton Harbor high school principal Rod Halsad, and Lakeshore junior high principal John Woods.

In addition to basketball, he coached the college golf team

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## Lottery Drawing At Three Oaks

THREE OAKS — The weekly Michigan lottery drawing will be held here June 14 during a week-long community Flag day observance.

George Gross Jr., chairman of the flag day parade, said he had received confirmation for the drawing from commissioner Gus Harrison. No definite site has yet been selected, however, for the drawing.

Gross said this will mark the first time in the 20 year history of the Flag day celebration that the event will run an entire week, Sunday, June 10, through Sunday, June 17.

The lottery drawing will be held during merchants day, just one of the many highlights of the observance, said Gross.

A parade June 17 will climax festivities, with some 100 units expected to participate.

Special guest for the parade will be Rebecca Sue Graham, Miss Indiana 1972, said Gross. She was fourth runner-up in last year's Miss America pageant.

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After May 1st, Leathers Schwinn Cyclery will be closed all day Mondays. Adv.

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## Editorial Page

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# Immunity Is A 3-Legged Stool In Washington

In an effort to remove some of the comic opera aspect from the Watergate caper, the Senate's Democratic majority is trying to liken Nixon's previous silence lid on his aides to the Stuart kings defying the English parliament.

Though Atty. General Kleindienst's assertion of executive privilege as an absolute has the ring of an Emperor ordering about a withering Roman Senate, there is nothing new to the doctrine nor is it exclusive with the White House.

Thomas Jefferson so informed John Marshall, the Supreme Court's Chief Justice to that effect almost 170 years ago. Marshall subpoenaed Jefferson to produce certain Presidential which might be helpful to the defense in Aaron Burr's treason trial. Jefferson eventually produced all but one of the papers.

Before him, George Washington declined to furnish documents to a congressional committee investigating the alleged incompetency of an army general.

Tom Clark whom Harry Truman elevated from Attorney General to the Supreme Court refused to give Congress information on his activities as the Attorney General. A Congressional committee was probing the Justice Department.

Congress routinely has forbidden its employees to release information from its files unless specifically authorized by Congressional resolution.

The first dramatic example of this posture took place in 1876. The House hubbed a court request for information on William W. Belknap, Secretary of War, who was on trial for bribery.

The late Joseph McCarthy shattered Washington and deeply divided the public with his Senatorial quiz into defense and State Department personnel. Even when it was voting censure against McCarthy, the Senate

assessed a resolution prohibiting his staff from releasing files to a federal

court investigating a conspiracy charge against the McCarthy committee.

This roundelay is one political thicket which the courts so far have declined to penetrate, possibly because they constitute one branch of the government jealously guarding their prerogatives passing on the propriety of the other two branches claiming an equal constitutional right.

While the Watergate affair may not lead to any such constitutional resolution, if nothing else it has served the purpose of illustrating how any good idea can be carried to ridiculous extremes.

Although the Constitution contains check reins against one branch walking over the others and the public as well, its basic premise calls upon the three divisions to work toward a common purpose.

There is nothing in its wording which sanctions the three divisions doing their own thing.

The privilege doctrine, carried to the refinement shown in the samples mentioned above, denies that spirit of cooperation.

In its extreme form it amounts to saying our system is sustained by three kingdoms functioning in their own vacuums.

Luckily for day to day operations, none of the branches floods the others with information requests that are burdensome to supply or give aid and comfort to the enemy.

It is the extreme situation which intemperance blows out of context that rouses difficulty.

It varies from the fuss and feathers of a Watergate to the critical question of an officer being competent to meet a future emergency.

The stand-offish attitude of those situations never harm the branches. Seemingly they thrive on the confrontation.

It is the public as always which takes the risk of being the loser.

# Park Enjoyment

As the new director of the National Park Service, Ronald Walker has wasted no time in coming to grips with the primary problem his important recreational responsibility faces. It is keeping most of the major parks and some of the smaller ones enjoyable and beautiful despite an ever-worsening tourist onslaught.

Most of the natural beauty remains in Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Glacier and Monument Valley, although some of the wildlife is disappearing into more remote sections. The tourist, however, beset by problems of overcrowding, inadequate

facilities and bumper to bumper traffic, may wonder what he came so far to see after emerging from the human maelstrom at the other end.

Before the Park Service considers further expansion, Walker says, it will work on the problem of stabilizing the parks already under its jurisdiction. That will be a mammoth undertaking requiring imaginative planning.

It may also require tourists to give up some of the conveniences they have come to expect, shuttle buses in place of cars, for instance, if they really want to enjoy what they came to see.

# Checkoff Gimmick Fails

Despite campaigns of encouragement by the Internal Revenue Service and various political committees, the novel idea of permitting the American taxpayer to deduct \$1 in federal taxes to help finance the 1976 presidential election campaign has proved a dud.

Of the first 45 million returns filed, only one million, or less than 3 percent, used the checkoff. Returns filed in the last few days before the April 16 deadline have not yet been reviewed,

but they are not expected to alter the ratio.

Only about \$2 million will have been raised by this method to finance a national campaign which traditionally costs a hundred million dollars or more. Impartiality in the political checkoff was guaranteed by permitting the taxpayer to designate whether he wanted his contribution to go to a particular major national committee or into a general fund to be used by the eventual candidates.

The IRS says it went to the added trouble of keeping the contribution information on a separate schedule to keep it from the eyes of the auditors. No reasons are offered for the poor reception of the concept by the average taxpayer.

Perhaps he would rather wait until he has a better idea who the candidates will be. Riderless horses seldom evoke much enthusiasm in horse races.

Jupiter's atmosphere contains ammonia, methane, hydrogen, and probably water, the same ingredients that may have produced life on earth about four billion years ago. Many scientists believe that large regions below the frigid cloud layer may be at room temperature. These conditions could allow the plant to produce living organisms.

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# Flying Hazard



# GLANCING BACKWARDS

## ELECTS OFFICERS

— 1 Year Ago —

Directors of St. Joseph's Loco Corp. have re-elected George J. Krasl as president and also named him treasurer.

In the latter post, he succeeds Joseph A. Sauer, who was elected to one of two vice presidential posts. O. C. Schultz was re-elected to the other vice

presidency. Robert J. Warren was re-elected executive vice president, secretary and general manager.

## ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF BOY SCOUTS

— 10 Years Ago —

John G. Parnell, Niles, was unanimously elected chairman of the White Beaver District, Southwestern Michigan Council,

Boy Scouts of America, at its annual meeting this week in the Youth Memorial Building, Breckenridge, Colorado.

Paul W. Jedeole and Edward French, Niles, were chosen to serve as District vice chairman, and Ralph L. Powell, Niles, was recommended for appointment as District Commissioner.

## BATTER NAZI RAIL CENTERS

— 29 Years Ago —

The great allied air offensive, which actually is the first phase of Gen. Eisenhower's Invasion, centered last night on the railroads of Germany, France and Belgium with more than 1,100 RAF bombers massacring the tactical targets with 4,480 or more tons of explosives.

Mosquitos stabbed Berlin, keeping the nerve-frayed capital awake. More mines were strewn to aggravate further the German problem of moving supplies and men to the points where the allies will land.

## HOME FROM SCHOOL

— 39 Years Ago —

Miss Leota Karrick, student at Moody Bible Institute, is home to visit her parents, the George Karricks of Main street, between terms.

## PLAN PLAY

— 49 Years Ago —

The Junior farce, "Kempy," will be given at the high school April 24 and 25 under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Moore and Miss Ruth Sawyer.

## BUSINESS TRIP

— 59 Years Ago —

George K. Pixley went to Grand Rapids on business.

## OPEN CAR

— 83 Years Ago —

The street car company put on one of their open cars this morning and travelers across the flat got the full benefit of the breeze.

# BERRY'S WORLD

# Ray Cromley

## Incredible Waste In Our Welfare



WASHINGTON (NEA) — For sheer horror stories in waste, inefficiency and the unequal treatment of the poor in this nation's welfare programs, I recommend the reading of a dry but fascinating "Paper No. 8, Studies in Public Welfare" — a staff study by the Subcommittee on Fiscal Policy of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress.

The report was based on a General Accounting Office sampling of six selected sites in the poverty areas from east to west.

Perinent conclusions from that study help to explain why President Nixon and a growing number of senators and representatives are determined that change must be made in how this country distributes assistance:

— Some families on welfare may end up with twice and sometimes three times as much income and benefits as other families in apparently similar circumstances.

Households receiving five or more benefits — about a fifth of the samples — are generally well off, if aid in kind is included. In fact, in eastern and western cities the average total income figures exceeded the \$6,500-a-year adequate income level advocated by the National Welfare Rights Organization.

Yet there are large pockets of extreme poverty, with the proportion being as high as 14 percent at two sites.

— In a great number of cases, perhaps in most, the poor are severely handicapped for working, certainly at working more than a limited number of hours a week. The more a beneficiary works, the higher the rate of reduction in benefits, usually, under current

programs.

Combined cash, food, housing and other benefits for urban households with children (but having no private income) ran from \$368 to \$767 per month. These tax-free benefits exceed the median wage levels for full-time working women, which range from \$363 to \$312 monthly in the five urban areas studied, and either exceed or approximate after-tax wages for men, which vary from \$387 to \$564.

Thus the sheer dollar magnitude of the benefit packages would encourage work by recipients.

— Increases in Social Security benefits make some of the neediest beneficiaries worse off than before because they may lose entitlement to medical and food programs.

— Penalizing some aid recipients for refusing valid job offers may be partially offset by a public housing authority lowering the family rents to reflect the income decreases caused by the penalties imposed for not being willing to work.

— Contrary to prevailing opinion about the characteristics of welfare recipients, many households benefiting from need-based benefits are headed by employable males, or have no children or consist of single, non-age individuals.

The inequities noted above result in some measure from the incredible tangle in administration of these programs as outlined in the General Accounting Office studies. GAO found that "each agency or program administrator typically keeps separate records on its clientele. This means that a given family may turn up in the records of four, five, six or more programs."

# Marianne Means

# Letter Writers



# Sitting On Hands

WASHINGTON (KFS) — President Richard Nixon did not get the public vote of confidence in his battle with Congress over Federal spending for which he asked on nationwide television nearly three weeks ago.

Either his skinflint budget does not have the enthusiastic popular support he believes it does or the country is suffering from massive case of writer's cramp.

During a special TV address on March 31 the President appealed to listeners to write to their Senators or Congressmen to express their opposition to "more government spending." He wanted an outpouring of mail to put pressure on Congress to go along with his domestic program cutbacks. "I ask you tonight for your support in helping to win this vitally important battle," he said.

He stacked the deck in his favor by raising the specter of increased taxes if Federal spending is not curtailed. That alone should have driven many voters to their pens and pencils, since he spoke shortly before the deadline for filing 1972 income tax reports.

A sampling of a cross-section of Senate offices, however, indicates that the President failed to generate any significant expression of support. Letters supporting him comprised a relatively small proportion of the mail received by both Republicans and Democrats. Even Southern conservatives from states with a tradition of opposing big government spending reported no marked upsurge in mail on the President's appeal.

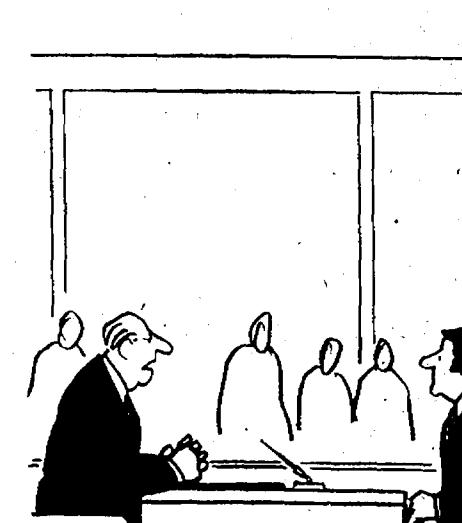
Sen. Lowell Weicker Jr., R., Conn., received only 30 letters in support of the President, but got more than 2,000 letters protesting the President's veto of the vocational rehabilitation bill. Sen. Howard Baker, R., Tenn., got approximately 200 letters on the subject out of a total of more than 2,000 letters. Sens. Richard Schweiker, R., Pa., and J. Glenn Beall Jr., R., Md., received about 200 letters each. Schweiker regarded that as "nothing" and Beall's office considered it a "fair" response.

During the same period, Schweiker got approximately 5,000 letters protesting against various proposed Nixon budget cuts.

Sen. John Tower, R., Texas, a conservative, got 520 letters. "That's not much in our mail; we get more than 5,000 letters a week," an aide observed. During that period, Tower received 1,300 letters protesting against the dismantlement of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R., S.C., got approximately 200 letters; Sen. Herman Thalmadge, D., Ga., reported "several hundred." Sen. Thalmadge's office added that is approximately the number of letters on Federal spending he usually gets during any two-week period.

"The board decided that we had been a friendly bank long enough, so we have gone back to being our old selves!"



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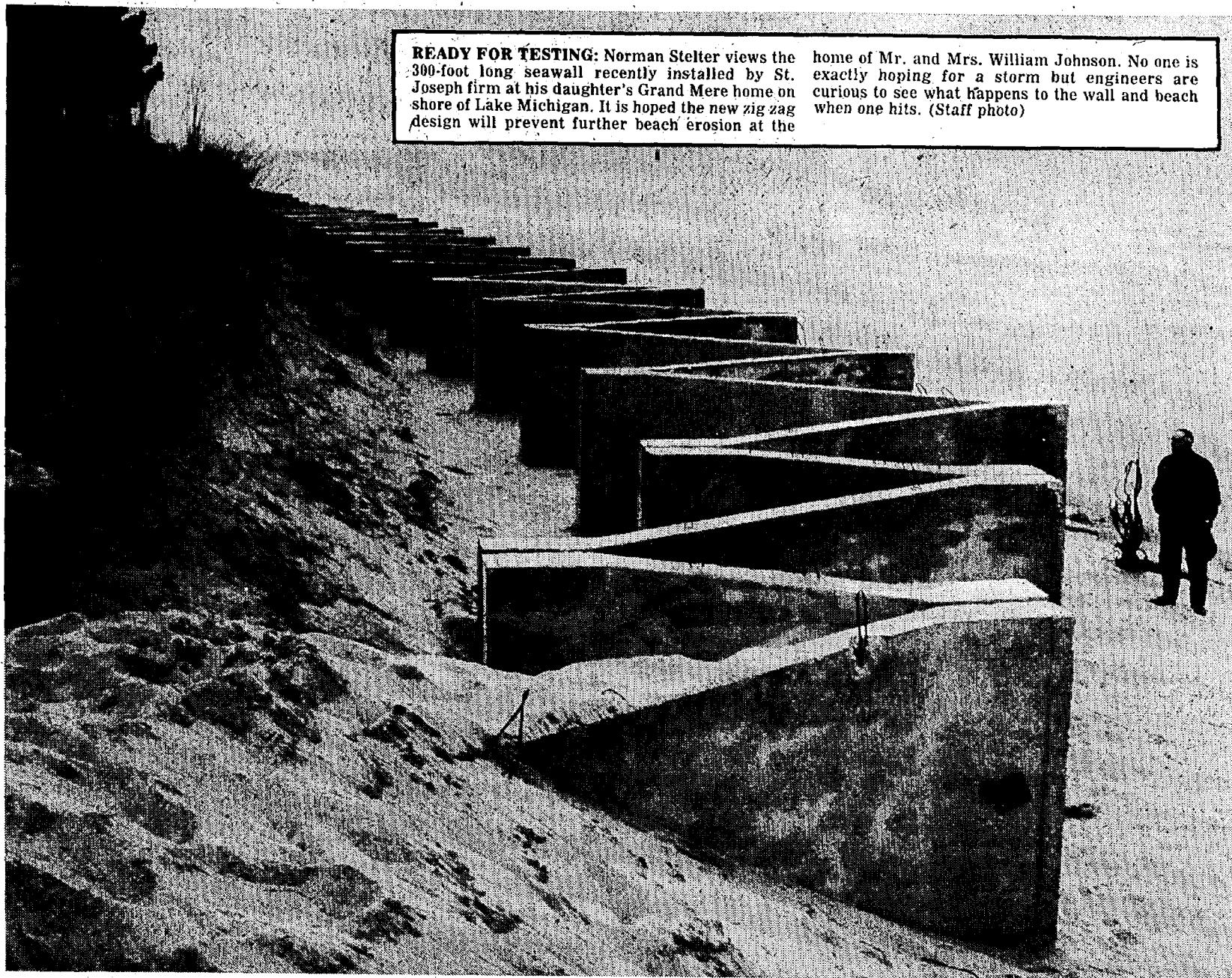
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Twin City  
Highlights

**READY FOR TESTING:** Norman Stelter views the 300-foot long seawall recently installed by St. Joseph firm at his daughter's Grand Mere home on shore of Lake Michigan. It is hoped the new zig zag design will prevent further beach erosion at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson. No one is exactly hoping for a storm but engineers are curious to see what happens to the wall and beach when one hits. (Staff photo)



## New Idea Against Erosion Zig Zag Wall Awaits Lake Test

BY DICK'DERRICK  
SJ City Editor

Engineers for Speidel Foundation & Marine, Inc., of St. Joseph, have a 12-ton wrinkle they hope will turn nature's force against itself on erosion-endangered Lake Michigan beaches.

George J. Morren, partner and general manager of Speidel, has just completed a 300-foot installation of a zig-zag rein-

forced concrete wall in front of the William Johnson home in Grand Mere, Stevensville.

It's a pilot project and still not really tested by a storm but there indications in the first few days it has been set up that the design of the wall protects sand banks and builds up beaches.

Morren said engineers for Speidel were trying to find something that would harness wave action rather than try to

blunt it. Wave action driven by high winds can move even the giant boulders placed on a seawall built by the state highway department, Floyd Nicol, project engineer said. That is an indication of nature's tremendous power.

The zig zag design, for which a patent is pending, is flexible enough to withstand shifting foundation of sand, contains a jetty wall combination that traps sand laden waves and yet is strong enough to withstand wave action. The design, said Morren, is to try to de-energize the force of the waves. This works like the V-shaped snow plow versus the bulldozer blade in trying to move snow.

Each section of the zig zag wall is about 16 feet long, weighs six tons and contains 650 pounds of three-quarter inch steel reinforcing rods.

In the Johnson installation the sections were trucked to near the site and lifted into place with a front-end loader. The 300-foot wall, six feet high, containing 44 sections, took two days to install.

Engineers envision situations where it would be possible to bring the sections in by barge or even build the wall on the site.

The concrete wall is attached at each joint by an inch and three-quarter diameter bolt. This permits settlement. If one

section of the wall was undermined, it would be possible for the section to settle a little without endangering the entire wall with stresses that could crack it.

The cost of this structure is in most cases less than a steel wall and is dependent upon its location and accessibility and site preparation, Morren said.

The state highway department is investigating placing such a wall behind its break-

water on Lake Shore drive at the south city limits of St. Joseph as an extra barrier for protection.

The next storm on Lake Michigan will bring engineers running to see how the waves effect the wall.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson recently remodeled the former Liberman home located between North lake and Lake Michigan in Grand Mere. Since last fall storms have carved out an estimated 70 to 80 feet of the

dune in front of their home. The St. Patrick's day storm took 10 feet in one gulp.

Morren suggested putting in the new zig zag type of wall as an experiment, splitting the cost between the contractor and the home owner.

There has been a steady stream of engineers, home owners and government officials looking at the installation. The first storm, however, should bring a stampede.

A Benton township man was rescued from the St. Joseph river, near Benton township park; after the boat he and two companions were fishing in sank Thursday at 10 p.m.

Rescued was Jimmie D. Chronister, 25, of 2051 Taube avenue. He was picked up by two fishermen in a nearby boat, identified as Billy Millhauser of 1081 Woodward, St. Joseph township, and Charles H. McCoy, of 3505 Lake Shore drive, St. Joseph.

State troopers of the Benton Harbor post said the two men in the boat with Chronister swam to safety.

Chronister was treated and released at Mercy hospital as a result of the accident, troopers said.

The three were reportedly fishing in a 12 foot aluminum boat at the time of the accident. Water current was strong, the three men weighed a total of 590 pounds, and the boat slowly sank. The men lost three fishing rods and a 25 h.p. Evinrude outboard motor. The motor was the property of the boat's owner, Ronald D. Post, 19, of 2056 Taube. The third man in the boat was not identified, troopers reported.

## On Two Fronts Sodus Transfer Attacked

Dean Beitz, president of the BHEA said the teachers' position was taken by the BHEA board of directors of more than 70 members who voted unanimously this week to retain present school district boundaries.

The NAACP stand was made in a letter from Hershel McKenzie, NAACP branch president, to Doyle Barkmeier, superintendent of the Berrien Intermediate school district. The Intermediate school board

will conduct a hearing on the Sodus transfer Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Berrien Springs high school.

McKenzie repeated an earlier statement that the NAACP will take legal action to prevent breakup of the district which would lead to further racial isolation.

The BHEA statement:

"The BHEA feels very strongly that the geographic, political, educational and social

boundaries of the Benton Harbor school district should and must remain as they currently exist, if not even more broadly based. A school district is more than a structure for academics. It is a vehicle for the entire community to learn from the educators, and indeed, from each other.

"To speak of the splitting up or the splintering off of an urban-suburban district in this day of ever increasing realizations dealing with the educational community is, in our opinion, counter productive to the best interests of the children we serve.

"To attempt to separate an existing school district so that the net effect would be to segregate the races instead of integrate them is blatantly contrary to the directions being taken by the courts, both in Michigan and throughout the nation.

"The Benton Harbor school district currently offers a sound and viable educational program for all concerned. Most significantly, it possesses tremendous potential for an ever better educational opportunity for all boys and girls in the total community."

McKenzie's letter to Barkmeier:

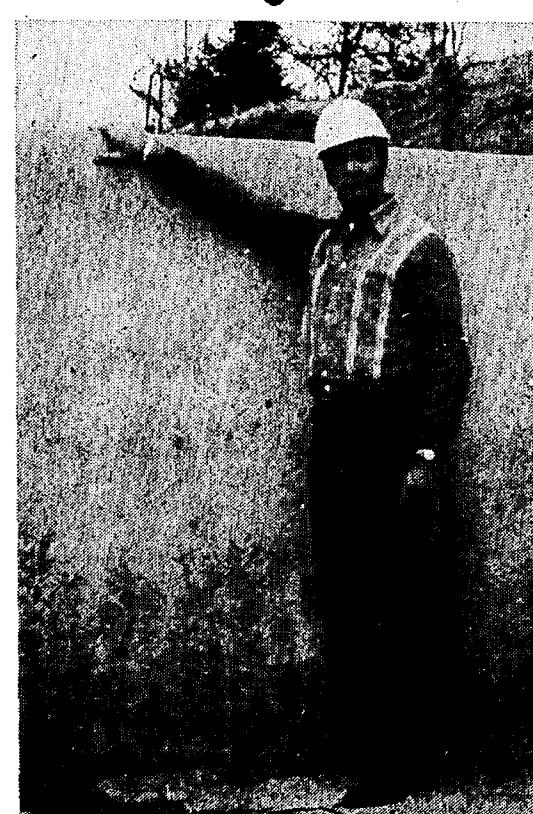
"The Twin City Branch, NAACP, is gravely concerned about the proposed transfer of the Sodus portion of the Benton Harbor Area Schools district to

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Lakeshore  
Nursery  
Announced

The Lakeshore Preschool Nursery summer program is to be held in St. Luke's church, 5020 Cleveland avenue, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from June 5 to July 5, according to Susanne Kuzma, publicity chairman.

Information about registration in the organization's cooperative nursery school program is available from Mrs. David Abbey, 4964 Hollywood road. Tuition for the summer program is to be \$15, and will include lunch. Deadline for registration is May 18.



## Citizen Ideas Sought During Marathon Title I Meeting

A marathon session on development of programs for disadvantaged children in the Benton Harbor school district will be held Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The idea is to get community involvement in planning for use of federal funds under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Act. It's a federal requirement that input from

parents and interested citizens be obtained.

Superintendent Ray Srebot said those who want to make suggestions can stay as briefly or as long as they want.

The district this year had \$711,087 allocated in Title I funds.

The meetings will be in room 133 at the Travel Inn.

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Highlights

## Despite Membership Practices

# Private Clubs Can Keep Liquor Licenses

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LANSING — Pending further legal clarification from the state attorney general, Michigan's liquor control commission will re-license private clubs for 1973-74 regardless of membership practices.

Stanley Thayer, chairman of the commission, said the commission ordered an extension of a previously-authorized stay of execution of a commission regulation which could have resulted in suspension of liquor licenses for private clubs which

discriminate racially in membership policy.

He said the commission has asked Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley for an opinion on the commission's authority and right to regulate private organizations.

The opinion, he said, is still being researched.

Earlier this week, the U.S. Supreme Court by refusing to review a Maine case upheld a Maine law barring state liquor or food licenses to private organizations with "whites only" membership policies.

Thayer said the refusal of the supreme court to hear the Maine appeal by four Elks lodges would "indicate" that Michigan does have authority under the U.S. constitution to adopt its own regulations.

Even if that's the case, however, he said there are other legal questions involved and that the attorney general is examining the entire question.

Franklin J. Rauner, attorney for the liquor control commission, said he has not seen a copy of the Supreme Court decision refusing to review the Maine case, but that on the basis of

newspaper reports it would appear to give states freedom to adopt their own liquor licensing policies in regard to private clubs.

He said there is no specific Michigan law dealing with the question, unless the equal accommodation section of the penal code dealing with public places is applicable.

He said one question under review by the attorney general is whether the serving of food in a private club to guests or groups, for example, makes the club a public place.



## Fennville Will Vote On Swim Pool

FENNVILLE — Fennville school district voters will get a second chance to decide on a proposed \$355,000 swimming pool for the district's new high school.

The Fennville school board last night accepted a petition from district residents asking that the swimming pool proposal be placed before voters again at the June 11 annual school election.

The pool proposal will appear on the ballot in the same form as when it was defeated as a companion measure to the new high school proposal at a special election last December, according to Ernest Curtis, board-secretary.

The \$2,645,000 high school proposal was approved by a vote of 677 to 393 at the December election, while the pool proposal went down, 606 to 463.

Also to be on the ballot is the Allegan county intermediate school board's request for a \$750,000 bond issue to finance construction of a center for educating the handicapped.

The board discussed but reached no decision on the district's own need for operational millage, 10½ mills of which expire this year. The board has already voted to put an issue on the ballot, but has set no amount yet.

Two school board seats will be held at the election, those now held by Curtis and Cliff Paine.

In other action last night, the board authorized the creation of two new staff positions at the high school and three and a half positions at the middle school.

New positions next year will include another counselor and a teacher in an undesignated area at the high school; and an industrial arts teacher, a girls' physical education teacher, a counselor and a half-time vocal music teacher at the middle school.

Resignation of two staff members, William Armstrong, high school band director, and Keith Ellsworth, elementary teacher, were accepted.

It was reported that arrangements have been made for agriculture classes to use the old George Powers farm, east of Fennville.

Low bids of \$4,925, submitted by Gordon Bachre Ford Allegan, and \$4,900, submitted by Carpenter Bodies, were accepted on the purchase of a new school bus chassis and body.

### Transposed

Photographs of Van Buren District Judge Donald Goodwillie Jr. of South Haven and Joseph Foster, alcoholism program director for the county, were mistakenly transposed when published in this newspaper yesterday. The pictures were published in connection with a Van Buren program designed to help persons cope with alcohol problems.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the Berrien county

chamber of commerce.

1 - Identifying students who are likely to succeed in a highly competitive environment.

2 - Enrolling enough of these students after the admission about 80 per cent of those admitted are expected to enroll in the fall of 1973.

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